

Bridgewater, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 9, 17

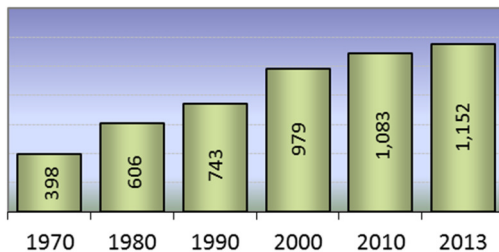
Incorporated: 1788

Origin: Bridgewater received its charter in 1788, when it was part of the town of New Chester. New Chester was separated into Bridgewater and Hill, as well as portions of Bristol, Danbury, and Wilmot. Early settlers of the area were from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, giving the town its name. Bridgewater was officially incorporated by John Sullivan, who was President of New Hampshire before the title was changed to Governor. The town line follows the eastern shore of Newfound Lake.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 281 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Bridgewater totaled 859 over 53 years, from 293 in 1960 to 1,152 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 52 percent



increase between 1970 and 1980; two of the last five decades had increases of 30 percent or more. The 2013 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,152 residents, which ranked 179th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 53.7 persons per square mile of land area. Bridgewater contains 21.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$1,384,818	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014		\$1,595,896	
Zoning Ordinance		1983/10	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; ZBA		
Public Library	Bridgewater		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Part-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	13 miles	25	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	None		
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 9.51	
2013 Equalization Ratio		93.8	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 8.96	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		92.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		4.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		1,002	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		868	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		12	
Five or More Units in Structure		9	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		113	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	1,152	89,268
2010	1,083	89,118
2000	979	81,826
1990	743	74,998
1980	606	65,806
1970	398	54,914
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	573	Female 579
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		33
Age 5 to 19		167
Age 20 to 34		108
Age 35 to 54		394
Age 55 to 64		241
Age 65 and over		209
Median Age		50.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		92.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher		25.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$31,587
Median family income		\$67,250
Median household income		\$55,000
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$52,969
Female		\$41,000
Individuals below the poverty level		4.2%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	559	536
Employed	540	513
Unemployed	19	23
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	14	27
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 600	\$ 745
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	42	74
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 842	\$ 887
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	55	100
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 783	\$ 850
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	13	25
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 339	\$ 289
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	68	125
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 700	\$ 739

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)				District: SAU 4
Career Technology Center(s):	Plymouth Applied Technology Center				Region: 5
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools					
Grade Levels					
Total Enrollment					

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bridgewater Steam Power	Utility	12	1988

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	3A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 23	
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Newfound Valley, Bristol	Runway	1,900 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	42 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		63 miles
Portland, Maine		94 miles
Boston, Mass.		115 miles
New York City, NY		320 miles
Montreal, Quebec		216 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK*(ACS 2009-2013)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	2.4%
Worked at home	4.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.2 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	28.3
Commuting to another NH community	66.7
Commuting out-of-state	5.0

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Ragged Mountain**

Other: